

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FAST NETWORK ACQUISITION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for a fast handover of a link with a communications unit
5 between a first and a second wireless communications network includes a receiving device
(203, 231) for receiving signals from a first and a second wireless communications network
(106, 120), a controller (207) for detecting a condition indicative of initiating a
communication over the first network, and a transmitting device (205, 233) operating
cooperatively with the receiving device and the controller to operate exclusively on the first
10 wireless communications network and to facilitate registration with the second wireless
communications network when the condition is detected.